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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Wedneſday Auguſt 9th. to Friday Auguſt 11th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. PRAY, *Explain the* 6th Ver. *of the* 20th Chapter *of the* Revelations, *which ſpeaks of two Reſurrections. I deſire to know what is meant by the firſt Reſurrection, and what is meant by the Partakers of it Reigning with* Chriſt *a Thouſand Years. The Anſwer of which will much Oblige,*

Your moſt Humble Servant,

E. B———d.

A. This is the Great and Principal Text upon which the *Millenarians* found their Doctrin of *Chriſt*'s coming down upon Earth before the laſt Judgment, to Reign with his Saints a Thouſand Years. And therefore the firſt Reſurrection here mentioned is by them taken Literally, to be the Reſurrection of the Bodies of thoſe who had Suffered for the Teſtimony of Chriſt: and the ſecond is the General Reſurrection of the Quick and Dead, which is an Article of our Faith, and which is to be immediately at the end of thoſe Thouſand Yours. In like manner the firſt Death is the Death of the Body, or the Separation of the Soul from it now before the Day of Judgment: The ſecond Death is the Puniſhment of both Body and Soul in Hell-Fire after Judgment is paſt. The firſt Broacher of this Opinion was *Papias* Biſhop of *Hierapolis*, and (as ſome pretend) a Hearer of St. *John* the Apoſtle and Author of the *Apocalyps*. He was followed in it by *St. Juſtin*, *Irenæus*, *Tertullian*, *Apollinarius*, *Lactantius* and ſeveral others of the Ancient Fathers, and alſo by many of our Modern Divines. As for our Part, we are entirely Suſpenſe about it, and think the middle Opinion is ſafeſt between that of thoſe who think they have Authority enough for it to make it an Article of Faith, and the contrary one of thoſe who with as little (or leſs) Appearance of Reaſon reject it as an abſurd and Heretical Doctrin.

Q. Mr. APOLLO, *You have lately given a very Poſitive and Peremptory Anſwer to a Queſtion ſent you concerning the Lawfulneſs of the Marriage of* Couſin Germans; *which you do affirm to be againſt the Laws of God or Man. Since then happening to read* Dr. Comber's *Excellent and Learned Paraphraſe and Expoſition of the* Marriage Service *of our* Church, *I do find (amongſt the ſeveral Impediments he there reckons up to a Lawful Marriage) this of* Firſt Couſins *to be one, and he Grounds his Opinion on that General Prohibition given to the Children of* Iſrael, *juſt before the particular ones there ſpecified*, viz, Thou ſhalt not approach to any that is near of Kin. *Now, I humbly Requeſt of you (in behalf of one who is Perſonally concerned and that is under a Scruple of Conſcience on this Account) to give your Judgment and Opinion in this Important Queſtion, once more for the entire Satisfaction of the Publick, and more particularly of*

Your moſt Humble Servant and great Admirer, R. S.

A. This we know is the uſual Argument of the Rigid Caluiſts we complained of, but we think we have already ſufficiently Confuted it by ſhewing that *Caleb*, who had been Contemporary and Intimate with *Moſes*, and was himſelf a very good Man, and who for theſe Reaſons cannot be preſumed to have either miſunderſtood or violated the Law of *Moſes*, did (after that Law was Promulged) cauſe his own Daughter to be Married to her Couſin German. And ſhall the Judgment of our Modern Commentators in the Senſe of the *Moſaic* Law ſuperſcede that of thoſe Great Men who immediately ſucceeded *Moſes*, in the Execution of that Law? Beſides it may be obſerved that *Moſes* by the Direction of God, firſt delivers the Law againſt Inceſt in General Terms, and then Specifies the particular Offences againſt that Law. Either therefore that Enumeration is Compleat, and nothing remains to be added to it; or it is not, and then ſuch an Enumeration is Impertinent, and the Law

had been better delivered in general Terms without it. For if upon pretence of this Argument the Marriage of First Cousins be judged unsafe, how can it be demonstrated that the Marriages even of Second, Third or Fourth Cousins is Secure of all Offence? For if the Law do's not Specify how far the Consanguinity that Prohibits Marriages is to be extended, how shall we be certain where to fix the Bounds of it? But in short God has not left his Church under these Uncertainties, but has prescribed the necessary Limitations in this Matter in the 18 *Chap.* of *Leviticus*, which the *Jews* (as we have already observed) always understood to be full and clear; for *Josephus* and several others of their Writers have mentioned the same particulars. If we shou'd enter into a Consideration of the Reason of the Thing according to the Law of Nature, we cou'd farther demonstrate what we have Asserted. But the Querist may save us this Labor by consulting *Grotius de jure Belli ac Pacis*, L. 2. Cap. 5. or *Puffendorf de Natura & Gentium*, L. 6. Cap. 1.

Q. Gentlemen, *I having some time Hov'd between two Opinions, and Labour'd under strong contests of Duty and Affection, do beg and desire to Reconcile my self to your Opinion. I have been some Years a Widow Courted by a Tradesman of your Metropolis and not without his gaining considerable Encouragement from me, tho' nothing but Slights and Denial from my Mean. He is a Man of a considerable Character, and will in all appearance prove as agreeable an Husband. The Disparity of our Circumstances, which yet I was sensible of before I admitted him, is the ground for my Friends Aversion. The Question then is, first, Whether my Disposing my self to my one whom her Conscience is a Breach of Filial Duty in the State I am now in, viz. a Widow, and especially when I have no further dependance on her? And if so, then which is the most Venial Office, to disappoint my Spark, who has extorted such Confession from me as may Entitle him without Flattery to expect our Union; or contrary to my Friends desire, to engage with him? I am satisfied of his, neither do I believe do's he doubt the Sincerity of my Affections: And as he is a Careful Sober Man and in Good Business, nothing presents from such an Engagement but a pleasing Prospect of a lasting Content. I believe you'll Pardon my importunity for a very speedy Answer when you consider, that hast and uneasy Expectation are as Natural to a Lover, as certainty to your* Oracle, *and that my Affections must stand or fall at your Discretion.*

Your known Friend and Humble Petitioner, &c.

A. In the Marriage of Widows the Consent of Parents is not required, there being an Exception in the Cannons of our Church in their behalf. But notwithstanding this (which we suppose you are already acquainted with) it may still remain a Question, whether you are now in Point of Conscience free from the Power of your Parents, so as to any Thing against their Command without Sinning? To which we Answer agreeable to your Wishes) in the Affirmative. For when Children are arrived to Maturity, and have left their Parents Family, and have no longer their Dependance upon them, they are released from their Command, and are perfectly at their Disposal. Notwithstanding there still remains the Debt of Honor and Reverence, which is of perpetual Obligation and arises from those Antecedent Merits of their Parents, which can never be Cancelled or Repaid. Particularly we are of Opinion with other Learned Casuists, that the Duty of Filial Piety and Reverence requires, that Children not only apply themselves to their Parents for Advice in such a Weighty Affair as that of Matrimony, but likewise that they make a Conscience of opposing such awful Directions. But yet we say that an Obligation to hear or respect anothers Advice, do's not divest a Person of the Power of Governing his own Concerns, nor renders his Actions which are done contrary to that Advice Unlawful. When Parents assume an Authority they have no Right to, as when they either force their Children to Love, by their own Eyes and Rules, or when upon such a Slight Reason as you mention, they hinder them from pursuing their own Happiness, it is rather a Duty than otherwise in Children to assert the Liberty that Reason and Nature has given them.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am a Young Man and desire you would inform me what Books to buy to make me fit to Converse with Man, and to go a Courting.*

And whether Reading Plays be not a Sin, if not, what Plays would be most proper for me. By Answering of these, you'll highly Oblige,

Your Admirer, Z. Z.

A. Comedies contain the most Conversation, and the most Curious Addresses in Courtship, nor do we think there is any Sin in Reading them, if you have so much Command over your Passions and Affections, as to Choose the best and Eschew the Worst.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, will you please to inform us, what Jerkand Mouth Whitney was Hanged in, a Wager depending between two of your Subscribers, by whom your speedy Answer is desired.*

A. We must refer you to the Ordinary of Newgate's Register; for the Lives and Deaths of such Fellows, we not the Authors we Read, nor do we charge our Memories with the Relations of them.

Q. Apollo *Favor me with an Answer to the following Question, which is to let me know the meaning of throwing Rosemary in dead Peoples Graves.*

Your Admirer and Subscriber, M. A.

A. This was Answer'd in the First Volume, to which the Index will refer you.

Q. Dic quibus in Terris & eris mihi Magnus [*Apollo,*
Tres Spatium Cœli patet non Amplius Ulnas,
Dic quibus in Terris Inscripti Nomina Regum,
Nascuntur Flores Laurumq; Solus habeto.

Your speedy Answer will very much Oblige,
Your Admirer and Subscriber, W. C.

A. This we formerly Answer'd.

POEMS.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. FOR *Kindnesses past now by way of Requital,*
This Query's Propos'd, so I bid you Good-
[*Night all.*

A Knave *Doom'd to Dye,*
'Tis no matter why,
Is three ways adjudg'd Life to loose;

Be

But on's good Behav'our,
The Court grants the Favour,
That Culprit has leave which to chooſe.

Now, ſay, Bright Apollo,
Which Courſe ſhall he follow,
For you all Nice Scruples expound;
Suppoſe then the Caſe,
That you ſtood in his Place,
Which would you be Hang'd, Shot, or Drown'd.

Or, if that your Worſhip and he can agree,
Upon eaſy Terms you may have them all three;
This ſhows my good Nature to Others extends,
I know no good Bargain, but tell it my Friends.

Chelſea. Don Saltero.

A. By your Solemn *Farewel,* and your *Gratitude* ſhown,
We've Reaſon to fancy, the Caſe is your own.

Beſides we have ſtore,
Of Arguments more,
From Vices, ſuch Fate did Preſage;
But we will not Teez,
With ſuch things as theſe
A Friend, when juſt leaving the Stage.

From *Shooting* and *Hanging,*
With Previous Haranguing,
(Deaths of Rebels and Thieves) we'd deter ye;
But rather to *Drowning,*
Your Friends all Surrounding,
(The Death of Blind Puppies) prefer ye.

Since ſuch *End* as this is (to Comfort your Soul)
May well be contriv'd, in your Swinging *Punch Bowl,*
T' your Old Friends below you may make then your Boaſts,
This Life you Departed in *Gentlemen's Toaſts.*

Q. APOLLO, *I own,*
I've often been Dabling,
Yet lately was Wrong'd,
By a Gipſey's vile Babbling:
She laid a Child to me,
And Swore it was mine,
Tho' I'll Swear, I ne'er Touch'd her,
On ſuch a Deſign:
Her Siſter 'tis true,
I've Lay'n with, I own,
And believe ſhe was Chaſt,
'Till by me ſhe was known:
Nay, ſafely might Swear,
In what t'other Ly'd,
Yet that I e'er Touch'd her,
She Frankly deny'd.

Now, this, Sir Apollo,
Is a Whimſical matter;
To get her with Child,
And yet never come at her:
If you can but ſhew,
How this can be done,
The Baſtard I freely,
Will own for my Son:
But if it can't be,
Is ſhe not a Baſe Creature,
Point Blank thus to Swear,
What is not in Nature?

A. And who all the Power,
Of *Sympathy* knows!
You've heard of Kind Husbands,
Have felt their Wives throws:
Then why may you not,
On the ſame Grounds believe,
That one Siſter may,
For the other concieve:
But be that as 'twill,
We find you are Wrong'd,
Since what you have met,
To your Merit belong'd:
The laſt you have Injur'd,
Since Lewdly you kiſt her,
And therefore Reprizals,
Were made by her Siſter.

Q. *I've Read in Old Books,*
There Philoſophers be,
Who in this odd Whimſical
Notion agree,
Yet tho' it Ridiculous
Seem'd firſt and vain,
At laſt my Opinion
It almoſt does gain;
That Souls when Departed
From Bodies, next way,
Into Brutes *of their Natures,*
Do certainly ſtray.
If you're Wiſdom this Knowledg,
Does likewiſe Confeſs,
Pray, tell me what Form,
Am I like to Poſſeſs?

A. Your Lines do convince us,
Your Dull Soul will paſs,
From the Species of Man,
To the Form of an *Aſs.*

N. *B.* Thoſe Perſons that uſed to have the *Britiſh Apollo,* of Mr. *Carter* Bookſeller in St. *Paul's Church-Yard,* are deſired to ſend where they Live, to Mr. *Mayo* at the *Printing-Preſs* in *Fleet-Street,* it ſhall be brought to their Houſes three times a Week.

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THE Letters from *Vienna*, July the 29th, That they Write from *Conſtantinople*, that ſince the Grand Viſier was Depoſed the King of Sweden had renewed his Inſtances with the Grand Signior for his Aſſiſtance, and it was reported that the Muſti and New Viſier was inclined to his Intereſts and wou'd furniſh him with a Numerous Army of Shahi's Tartars and Janiſſaries, That they had preſented to the Sultan that ſhou'd the Czar of Muſcovy think ſuch a Practiſe a Rupture of the Late Treaty, he cou'd enter into a War with that Prince with much greater advantage in Conjunction with ſo Powerful an Ally as the King of Sweden, than when the Armies of Muſcovy had no other Diverſion. From *Bruſſels*, Tis Adviſed that a Great Train of Artillery will be ſuddenly Embarked at Ghent, and ſent up the Lys, which we ſuppoſe will be Employed in the Siege of Aire, as ſoon as Bethune is Surrendred, the Greater part of which, 'tis ſaid, is already Beat down by our Batteries or Burnt to Aſhes by our Bombs. From the *Hague*, Auguſt the 12th, They Write, that the Lord Townſhend on the 7th Inſtant, delivered in a Memorial to the States, and on the 9th his Excellency had a Conference with the Deputies of the States General.

London, Auguſt the 8th. The Queen has been Pleaſed to appoint the Honorable Archibald Hamilton, to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Iſland of Jamaica, in the Room of Colonel Handaſide; Robert Lowther, Eſq; to ſucceed Milford Crow, Eſq; in the Government of Barbadoes, and Colonel Corbet, to ſucceed Colonel Seymour in the Government of the Province of Mary-land, and their Commiſſions are Paſſing Seals accordingly.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

WHEREAS ALL THE SETS OF THE FIRST Volume of the *BRITISH APOLLO* have been for ſome time diſpos'd of, tho' none under 15 *s.* 6 *d. per* Set, Bound. The ſaid Vol. containing about 2000 Anſwers to Curious Queſtions, in moſt Arts and Sciences, approv'd of by many of the moſt Learned and Ingenious, of both Univerſities and of the Royal Society, is now Reprinting in Octavo by Subſcription. The Terms are, each Subſcriber to pay 2 *s.* 6 *d.* in Hand and 2 *s.* 6 *d.* on the Delivery of each Book, Neatly Bound, Gilt Edges and Letter'd on the Back, none will be Sold under 6 *s.* by Reaſon there will be but very few Printed more then what will be Subſcribed for. *Note*, It will be Carefully Corrected, Amended and Improv'd by the Authors, that all that is Material will be Inſerted. They who Subſcribe for 6 Books to have a 7th Gratis, and to Bookſellers their uſual Allowance. Propoſals may be had, and a Printed Ticket given to thoſe who are willing to Subſcribe, at Mr. *Clark*'s Bookſeller, in *Birchin-Lane* near the *Royal Exchange Cornhill*, Mr. *Harbin* at the *Roſe*, next Door to the *Globe Tavern* in the *Strand*, near *Cha-ring-Croſs*, or of *J. Mayo* Printer hereof, over againſt *Water-Lane Fleet-Street*, and of the Men in their Walks.

Any Perſons in Town may have theſe Papers brought to their Houſes at 3 *s. per* Quarter, by directing to Mr. *Bickerton*, at the *Roſe* and *Crown* in *Little-Britain*, or to the Printer hereof, ſuperſcrib'd to the *Britiſh Apollo*. N.B. All that begin within the Quarter to pay on Quarter-day a Penny for each Paper they have had. All Queſtions to be directed in like manner, but none will be anſwer'd out of the Country, where Poſtage is not paid.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Firſt and Second Claim is made at the Office of Aſſurance on Marriage, in Bolt-Court, Fleet-Street, which amounts to 37 l. 12 s. The firſt will be paid on Saturday next, and the 2d on the 15th of Auguſt, wherefore all Perſons concern'd are deſired to pay 2 s. into the Joint-Stock, purſuant to the 1ſt Article, or they will be excluded. The 2 Claimants married each other and have paid but 2 s. each which ſufficiently ſhews the great Advantage of this Inſurance, which is daily Increaſing, the 3d Claim already amounting to near 25 l. On next St. Bartholomew-day 6 Truſtees will be choſen for the Year enſuing, due Notice will be given of the hour & place; the Advantage of Early Entrance will appear by the *Propoſals*, which may be had Gratis at the Office. Note, Any perſon may Inſure on the Marriage of an other without their Knowledge or Conſent.

A Patent under the Great Seal of England has been granted to Charles Holman at Red-Lion-Street in Southwark, for the making of his London Ink-Powder for Records. Being Moſt Excellent for all Perſons to make their Writing-Ink as black and as ſtrong as they pleaſe. Each Six-penny Paper makes a Pint of the beſt, or Pint and half, or Quart for Shop-keeper's common Writing or Marking-Ink, only by ſhaking or ſtirring it in ſo much Rain or River-Water; and it amends all weak and pale Ink, or Ink ſpoiled by the Froſt, and Directions to each Paper of Powder, to prevent Ink from Freezing. 'Tis Sold by moſt Stationers Bookſellers and Haberdaſhers in and about London; and by Shop-keepers in the chiefeſt Cities and Towns in England. And that none may be impoſed on by any falſe Pretenders, Cheats or Counterfeits, this only has been publickly Experienced for many Years, and Appoved for the beſt Ink in moſt parts of the World.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cateract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington Butts*, born blind, reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goſwell Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Cheſter-College*, aged 87 reſtor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron-Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whoſe Mother lives at Juſtice *Conſtables* in *Goodman's-fields*, the ſame. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's-Cloſe*, the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell Street*. *Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's-Coffee Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane*. *Anne Lee*, at the *Croſs keys* Tavern in St. *Martin's-Lane, Strand*. Mr. *Godby*, near *Fiſhmonger's-Hall, Thames-Street*. Mr. *Heming* in *Nags-head Alley, Southwark*. Mr. *Langbridge*, *Saffron Hill*. A Child of *J. Haris*'s at *Iſlington*, blind at a month Old. Mrs. *Parſons*, in *Naked Boy-Court* in *Bell Savage-Yard, Ludgate-Hill*. *Mr. Graves*, at *Mr. Spencers* in *Church-ſtreet, Deptford*. *Mr. Allens* Daughter at the *Dolphin* and *Comb* on *London Bridge*. *Thomas Dunmore*, in *Caſtle-alley* in the *Park, Southwark*. *William Malſter*, in *Wheeler-ſtreet, Spittle-Fields*. *Joſeph Mild*, at *Mr Shakſpear's* at *Hogſdon*. *Mr. Jones* Daughter, next Door to the 2 *Brewers* in *Monmouth-ſtreet*. NOTE, Theſe with 176 others have been Cur'd ſince *Sept.* 1708. by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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